production in a particular Province in such a manner as to meet the demands of any other province where there is a deficit. As a matter of fact a Conference has been called to be held at Delhi early in April at the instance of the Government of India and in that Conference the whole question will be discussed. As the Chief Secretary has rightly stated, Government have already taken the necessary steps to stock an adequate quantity of rice and paddy. The harvest is just over and for our immediate requirements of rice there will not be any great difficulty. Government have stocked sufficient rice to safeguard against any impending shortage. Moreover, with the inauguration of the new schemes which Government have in mind, and in view of what the Dewan has stated during the Press Conference with regard to lands lying idle I hope the situation can be more or less satisfactorily handled. I request therefore the honourable mover of the resolution to withdraw his motion. In this connection I solicit the hearty co-operation of all the honourable members of this House and through them their constituency in the Government's effort to meet the dire situation. If this is assured, there is no cause for any alarm or dismay.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: Sir, I don't press the motion.

The motion by leave of the House was withdrawn.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING ELECTIONS TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Before the House adjourns I should like to announce to the honourable members the result of the elections which was conducted this afternoon under the presidency of Mr. Puliyoor T. P. Velayudhan Pillai.

Mr. Dominic Joseph secured 23 votes, Mr. Puliyoor T. P. Velayudhan Pillai, 19 votes, Mr. K. R. Narayanan, 19 votes Mr. P. Narayana Pillai, 17, Sri. T. Narayani Amma, 16 and Mr. N. Narayana Kurup, 16.

These are the six who secured the largest number of votes and their names will be submitted to Government for being elected as members of the Economic Development Board.

The House will now adjourn *sine die*.

Trivandrum. V. S. ARUMUKHOM PILLAI,

Secretary to the Sri Mulam Assembly.

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